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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**RESPONSE TO INTERVIEW SUMMARY**

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Interview Summary mailed November 27, 2006, please consider the following comments:

The Examiner proposed that col. 8, lines 48-50 of Bartok might suggest that a painting step is optional. The Examiner and the Applicant discussed language at col. 12, lines 59-61, which indicates that painting is mandatory. The differences between figures 2 and 3 of Bartok is also suggestive of mandatory painting. Painting, as described by Bartok, is the "filling in or assigning colors to pixels within a boundary of a hot spot object" that has already been created. As discussed in the telephone

interview, Applicant believes, among other ideas, that Bartok defines the hotspot geographically, then subsequently paints it, whereas the present application defines the hotspot by its existing color.

In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, he is hereby authorized to call Mark S. Svat, at Telephone Number (216) 861-5582.

Respectfully submitted,

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